

# INTRODUCTION TO LATIN

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**Description:** The Introduction to Latin course is a beginner's course in the study of Latin, the language, its structure, culture, various pronunciations, and Latin's impact on modern languages. We will examine how learning Latin can improve our understanding of English grammar, literature, and vocabulary, in addition to aiding our learning all the Romance languages: Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese, and Romanian. We will study common Latin phrases still in use today, both in common speech, and in technical, legal, and medical terminology. Finally, we will also learn how the knowledge of certain Latin roots enable us to unlock the definitions and spellings of a cornucopia of new expressions.

**Text:** We will use the confidence-boosting text by

William E. Linney, Getting Started with Latin: Beginning Latin for Homeschoolers and Self-Taught Students of Any Age (Armfield Academic Press) 2007.

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**Grading:** Class participation & completion of assignments will comprise up to 50% of the course grade. Chapter tests and occasional quizzes will allow the students to demonstrate their skill with decoding and incorporating their newly acquired knowledge. A **midterm** exam and a **final** exam will allow for overall assessment and review.

**AP/National Latin Exam:** Kindly contact me should you be interested in preparing to take either of these exams, upon completion of this course, so that we can work together to best prepare you.

**Expectations:** I am looking forward to working with you this year, and it is my sincere prayer that you all come to enjoy the study of Latin. Please review the policies of this course, and let me know if you have any questions concerning them. I can be reached at my e-mail, or on Fridays during the lunch period, or by appointment.